

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re PATENT APPLICATION of**

John D. Payne et al.

Application Serial No. 10/049,436

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Title: AIR FILTER

MAIL STOP PCT

Group Art Unit: unassigned

Examiner: unassigned

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PETITION TO REINSTATE APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the reinstatement of the above-identified Application. This petition is responsive to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's response dated April 22, 2003 addressing the Status Request filed by the Applicants in the above-identified Application.

In response to the Decision dated May 21, 2002 by the Designated/Elected Office, Applicants timely filed a substituted Declaration on July 22, 2002 as evidenced by the attached copy of the substitute Declaration and the date-stamped transmittal receipt. Accordingly, the Application should properly be pending. Thus, the reinstatement of this Application is hereby requested.

No fees are believed necessary to reinstate the above-identified application for patent; however, if any further government fees not specifically authorized herein are necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficient fees to Deposit Account 03-3975.

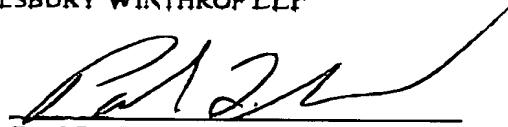
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If the Commissioner should require any further information, or wish to discuss the facts or rules presented herein, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Copy of substitute Declaration and transmittal
Copy of date-stamped receipt